[English]

Export of Defence Equipment

833. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA:
SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY:
SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a special department for the management of export of defence equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the items of defence equipment proposed to be exported; and

(d) the estimated quantum to be exported annually during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Defence exports cover a range of lethal and non-lethal items manufactured by Ordnance Factory Board, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and the civil sector.

(d) The export target for the defence production agencies is fixed annually and as such quantum of defence exports to be undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan cannot be assessed as yet. The export target (including deemed exports) fixed for the defence production units during the year 1991-92 is Rs. 104 crore.

Export of Horticulture Produce

834. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the export of horticulture produce during the current financial year;

(b) if so, its percentage share to the total exports during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost export of horticulture produce?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. In fact, during April-January, 1991-92 export of horticulture produce have increased to Rs. 325 crores from Rs. 220.52 crores during the corresponding period last year indicating a growth of 47.38%.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For boosting export of agricultural products, including horticulture produce, Government is taking promotional steps through various developmental bodies such as Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for market development, product promotion, quality upgradation, improvement in packaging, arranging buyer-seller meets, participation in international trade fairs etc. Besides Government has also granted to higher Exim Scrips to select horticultural commodites.

Amendment to the Quota Policy

835. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: